

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the FINAL Office Action mailed July 18, 2006.

I. Summary of Examiner's Rejections

Prior to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006, Claims 1-3 and 33-49 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 33-49 were allowed. Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Orita (U.S. Patent No. 5,163,147). Claim 3 was rejected as being unpatentable over Orita in view of Rager (U.S. Patent No. 5,412,721).

II. Applicant's Amendment

The present Response cancels Claims 1-3 rendering moot any rejection as to these claims. Claims 33-49 have been previously allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this Response hereby places the present Application in the proper condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and the appropriate notice of allowance and issue fee notice is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Application No.: 09/934,926
Response to OA dated: July 18, 2006
Response dated: October 18, 2006

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 18, 2006

By: /Justas Geringson/

Justas Geringson
Reg. No. 57,033

Customer No.: 23910
FLIESLER MEYER LLP
Four Embarcadero Center, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-4156
Telephone: (415) 362-3800